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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS



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Due to the lack of Big Brothers, some children will age out of the Big Brother Big Sister program if they are not matched with a mentor within the next year.

Philanthropic program lacks male volunteers

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Big Brothers Big Sisters has changed the lives of children for over a century, but some children in Maryville will miss out on that opportunity due to a lack of Big Brothers.

Since 1904, the organization has paired children with mentors to increase their quality of life, but the Nodaway County satellite program is relatively new, with only six years under its belt. Despite the best efforts of Program Director Lynn Harbin, several children waiting for their "Big" might not get that chance. They will age out of the program if not matched within a year, losing the chance to have a mentor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a program designed to help change childrens' perspectives and give them the opportunity to reach their potential, according to the organization website. Eighty-three percent of former Littles surveyed by Big Brother Big Sisters said their Big taught them values and principles that guided them through life.

"We match kids that come from single-parent or non-traditional homes with adult mentors who spend a couple hours each week with the child doing normal, everyday activities," Harbin said. "We really want you to focus on making it about doing those things you'd normally be doing and including the kid."

Harbin has around 25 children waiting to be matched, a majority of whom are boys. Ranging from ages seven to 14, these children have undergone the process to get into the program and attempt to get matched, but Harbin has no one available to mentor them.

"For whatever reason, Big Brothers Big Sisters nationwide always has trouble getting Big Brothers to come on board," Harbin said. "We're always desperate for Big Brothers."

Besides the lack of awareness of the organization, Harbin believes people do not realize exactly how easy it is to be a Big.

"A lot of people assume they have to do something fantastic, or it's going to be a lot of work or really time consuming," she said. "It's not about that. I've got two or three kids that literally just want someone to play video games with, and hang out and watch TV."

Harbin said it is not about going to Worlds of Fun every other weekend. It may just be going out to dinner or being on campus.

"The kids love hanging out on campus, and it's a great way to introduce them to a different life," Harbin said.

Northwest senior Molly Hayde met her Little Sister due to the desire to do something more worthwhile with her summer. Some on campus may associate the terms

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State infrastructure plans could impact taxpayers

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Missouri state legislators are coming up with ways to improve the state's crumbling infrastructure, and some of the proposals could directly impact Missouri taxpayers.

Road and bridge repair, state facility improvements and updates to the electrical grid are all areas that Missouri lawmakers agree need to be improved on in the near future.

One proposal would increase the sales tax in Missouri by 1 cent

for over a decade, which could bring in nearly \$8 billion in new revenue for the state.

"Locally, an additional sales tax would have an impact, but we also have to do our part to ensure that Missouri roads are taken care of," said Greg McDaniel, Maryville city manager.

"Whatever they come up with at the state level, we'll keep an eye on and adjust accordingly."

A second proposal would allow power companies to raise rates on their customers to pay for electrical grid updates. Another proposal

would issue \$950 million in bonds to repair and maintain state facilities, including state universities, such as Northwest. The governor's budget office estimates that it would cost the state about \$7 million a year, a lot of which may come from tax increases.

The city of Maryville has its share of infrastructure issues, and any additional funds would have an immediate impact on the city, especially in road reconstruction.

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Students' artwork displayed at Kansas City museum

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Northwest art students expressed their gratitude for the appearance of their work at Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City.

Seniors J. Eric Simmons and Kim Pluskota received the opportunity to display their ceramic art pieces in front of more than 14,000 people for the Party Arty event Jan. 26.

"In my artistic career, this is by far the most prestigious opportunity that I've ever had," said Simmons, an art education major. "I don't know many students that have had the opportunity to have their work shown in front of thousands of people in a national museum. It's beyond a dream come true."

The event theme, "Eternal Spring," fits perfectly with Sim-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Art student Kim Pluskota displayed her art piece "Flower Garden" at the "Eternal Spring" Party Arty event at the Nelson Atkins Museum in Kansas City Jan. 26

mons' vessels and Pluskota's flowers and vines.

The students put in a great deal of work and time to achieve their standing. Pluskota said she spent an estimated 100 hours in the stu-

dio working on her pieces for the promotional event.

The process also took a lot of planning.

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Community leaders invite Bearcats to share opinions, feedback on changing bar age

BRANDON ZENNER

Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

The possibility of raising the bar admittance age in Maryville has sparked questions among Northwest students.

As a solution, community lead-

ers are coming to campus to give answers and discuss the possible changes that may come.

The specifics of the forum are in the works, but it will be open to all students looking for insight or who just want their voices heard. The forum is set to take place 6 p.m.

March 4 in the Station conference center.

Bruce Fair, co-president of the newly formed organization Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol, is co-sponsoring the event with the University Wellness Services.

"We want to get the idea of how college students feel about (the proposal)," Fair said. "We feel that our organization and the community could become more knowledgeable about it all."

City Council, University police and Maryville Public Safety mem-

bers will lead the discussion. The final panel is still being put together.

"We want a panel of people that we like to get ideas from," Fair said.

"We are wanting this to be open up to everyone, underage or overage."

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STUDENTS MAKE GIANT SNOWBALL



ANDREW BENSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Even with classes still in session, these Northwest students took Tuesday's snowfall and made what may be declared the largest snowball ever. The current world record according to the Guinness World Records is 7 feet 4 inches tall. The Bearcat's snowball measured 7 feet 5 inches tall.

Familiar faces step into spotlight in local play series

TORI BAIGI

Chief Reporter | @ToriBaigi

Well-known Maryville personalities will take the stage this week in the 20th century comedy, "Barefoot in the Park."

Director Theophil Ross adds a unique aspect to the production of the play. Audience members will recognize the actor assuming the role of the "delivery man" as someone different from the campus and community each night.

A few of the stars include President John Jasinski, University Police Chief Clarence Green and Hy-Vee greeter Fred Mares.

"That makes me feel good that they're willing to support the theater program the way they are," Ross said.

The guest performers began rehearsing with the group Feb. 24.

Sophomore Megan Friend, playing the lead role of Corrie, said the performers are "hilarious."

"They bring something special to the show," Friend said. "They



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sophomore Megan Friend and Senior Matt Sweeten portray Corrie & Paul Bratter in "Barefoot in the Park" based off of a '60s comedy by Neil Simon.

will bring something different and unique every night."

"Barefoot in the Park" is a romantic comedy set in the 1960s about a young couple, Corrie and Paul, adjusting to the married life in a

tiny New York City apartment. Ross described it as the ultimate "crowd-pleaser" and an "everybody-loves-it" kind of show.

"Corrie is a character who just loves her life so much," Friend said.

"Everything she does, she does out of pure, blissful happiness. I think that's something we can all admire."

The most challenging part of the play for Friend was getting into the mind-set of the '60s. Friend said she suspects it was most challenging for the designers and technicians.

The play will have a unique and highly complex stage set. Ross described "Barefoot" as the "largest technically complex production" the department has put on in the studio theater.

The students and faculty put a lot of work into the production. Friend said the team put vast amounts of time and energy into the production.

"It has been an overall amazing experience," Friend said. "Something that I never even dreamed that I could do, and I'm just so excited that it's happening."

"Barefoot in the Park" began Wednesday. The play will show 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Students publishing new book

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The Northwest community is now able to share its college memories, thoughts on college life and advice to future Bearcats.

The Northwest publication skills class needs submissions by Friday, however late submissions will be accepted from students, faculty and staff at Northwest. The Northwest community is encouraged to share positive and negative views about the University.

"We are looking for the gritty, real responses and not just the normal reasons why students come to school here," senior Karlee Liberty said. "We want to see the positive and negative views of Northwest. It won't be a cheerleader type of book to boost Northwest."

Liberty and publication skills class professor Richard Sonnenmoser said they want this book to be truthful about college life at Northwest.

"The clichés of college are true, but there is something else about college that is also true," Sonnenmoser said.

Students who submit an entry for the book do not have a limit for the length of their entry.

The publication skills class will finish the book this semester, so submissions must be sent in as soon as possible.

"(This class) gets the students experience with copy editing, layout design, soliciting manuscripts and putting a book together from start to finish," Sonnenmoser said.

Sonnenmoser had the basic parameters of ideas for this book last fall, but in order for him to make the book a reality, he had to apply for an ITLC grant from the Northwest Provost's office.

"I think it will be more helpful to incoming students because it shows the memories college students have of Northwest," Liberty said.

Northwest students, faculty and staff can email their essays and anecdotes to the publication skills class at PUBskills@nwmissouri.edu.

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Director appointed to marching band

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Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

A new director will take the reigns of the Bearcat Marching Band. The Department of Fine and Performing Arts appointed wind symphony conductor John Bell to the position of band director.

"It's truly an honor and a privilege to accept this position," Bell said. "Since I started last fall as interim conductor of Northwest Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band, I have had the pleasure of working with fantastic students."

Bell said he hopes with the new position he will be able to help recruit students to Northwest.

Sophomore Jonathan Webber recognizes the impact Bell could make.

"As to learning from Mr. Bell, in Wind Symphony I have been paying special attention to how he has us tune and warm up with a small chorale every class, as well as his conducting style," Webber said. "With a new, enthusiastic director and the students I see around me, as well as those coming to join us out of high school,

I'm sure (we will be) just as impressive and high energy as we've ever been."

Bell's accomplishments consist of the Missouri chapter of Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Band Director Award and Central Missouri State University music department's Distinguished Alumni Award.

"I look forward to being a part of students' musical growth at Northwest," Bell said. "I'm getting used to wearing green. I'm adding more green to my wardrobe everyday."

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6-12 English Language Arts Common Core Network 8:30 a.m. at JSJD Maintenance Building

Leadership Academy Regional Meeting 9 a.m. at Rolling Hills Library

PLC Year 1 Leadership Team Meeting 9 a.m. at Cameron City Hall

SW Positive Behavior Support Prep Coaches Meeting 9 a.m. at Troester Media Center

Java with Jazz 10 a.m. at Fine Arts Building

St. Jude Up 'til Dawn Colden Pond Plunge 2 p.m. at Colden Pond

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Men's Tennis vs. Southeastern Oklahoma 3 p.m. at Frank Grube Tennis Courts

Women's Tennis vs. Southeastern Oklahoma 3 p.m. at Frank Grube Tennis Courts

Theatre Northwest Presents: Barefoot in the Park 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center

Saturday, March 2

Baseball vs. Central Oklahoma 12 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field

Sigma Society's 40th Annual Bridal Show 12 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

Women's Basketball vs. Truman State 1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center

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Women's Tennis vs. UMSL 3 p.m. at Frank Grube Tennis Courts

Men's Basketball vs. Truman State 3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center

Softball at Missouri Southern Tournament 6 p.m. at Joplin, Mo.

Theatre Northwest Presents: Barefoot in the Park 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

Sunday, March 3

Lamkin Activity Center Operation Breakthrough! J.W. Jones Student Union

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Senate bill focuses on workplace misconduct

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A Missouri Senator's proposal could encourage more people to get their beauty rest on their own time.

Senate Bill 28, which is sponsored by Sen. Will Kraus, (R-Lee's Summit), would tighten the definition of misconduct in the workplace, which means people fired for workplace offenses, such as sleeping on the job, could be ineligible for unemployment benefits.

"I talked to a constituent of mine who works in unemployment," Kraus said. "Everyone who filed for unemployment was getting it."

The proposed legislation would focus on making misconduct a purpose for disqualifying applicants from receiving unemployment benefits. However, it would not affect applicants who are unemployed for other reasons, such as lay offs.

Proposal could increase curriculum requirements

LAUREN MCCOY

Chief Reporter | @mccoy014

High school students will not be able to kick back and coast through their last year of school anymore if House Bill 136 is passed.

Rep. Dave Hinson, (R-Franklin and Washington County) introduced a bill that would require high school students to complete at least two full semesters of science and two full semesters of math their final year of high school.

High school students are required to take three credits of math and three credits of science, but when students enter college, they struggle because they have not taken those courses for two years or more, Hinson said.

The change in high school requirements would allow fewer electives, such as foreign language or technical courses, for students.

"We have tried to, through our curriculum and through working with our students, try to keep them on that path of being prepared to enter post-secondary education,"

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce extended its full support for the bill.

"It's kind of a slap in the face to employers who fund the system to have to turn around and pay that amount out to people that they know don't deserve it," said Karen Buschmann, MCC vice president of communications.

The new legislation would redefine misconduct in the workplace. According to Kraus, the current definition makes it difficult to deny unemployment benefits to workplace offenders.

Misconduct is now defined as deliberate or willful disregard of the standards of behavior set by an employer. If the proposed legislation passes, any employee violations would be considered misconduct unless the accused can prove they had no knowledge of the policy.

The bill, which has already passed through the Missouri Senate, will be sent to the House.



BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN
The Housing Residential Management Services sought out communities around the state in need of subsidized housing. The Southview Townhomes, built by HRMC, will help improve the Maryville community.

Housing to improve economy

TORI BAIGI

Chief Reporter | @ToriBaigi

A new Maryville living quarter will add jobs to the community and provide affordable housing for low-income families.

In 2009 Maryville's poverty level was nearly double the state level, which sits at 38.9 percent, according to city-data.com. State companies are exerting efforts to accommodate for the high rate by building more low-income housing in the area.

Housing Residential Management Services seeks out communities around the state in need of subsidized housing. The company's market study provider researched

Maryville and determined his decision based on key factors, including the amount of community members falling within the income range.

City Manager Greg McDanel said this new housing fills a need for the community.

"We're always looking for new development," McDanel said. "And this is a good time for this project to occur."

Deb Griffin, owner of HRM Services located in St. Louis, said the Southview Townhomes will improve the Maryville economy. The company hired from subcontractors in the area, creating construction jobs. Once the complex is built, permanent jobs will be available for locals, including caretakers for the

after-school program and maintenance workers.

The Missouri Housing Development Commission awarded tax credits to the developer to fund the construction and upkeep of the townhomes.

According to the MHDC website, it has given almost \$4 billion to construct, renovate and preserve affordable housing across the state.

The housing will provide meeting areas, a computer workroom, kitchen and exercise area, and an after-school program for children living in the complex.

The project is expected to be completed by fall 2013. Tenants can move into buildings by late spring or early summer.

Maryville takes precautions after pipe burst causes boil advisory

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After a boil advisory was issued Monday night, The Maryville Water Treatment Plant makes efforts to prevent future issues.

The advisory, which was lifted Wednesday afternoon, was issued after a pipe burst Sunday at about 11 a.m., said Joe Finch, the lead operator for People Service Inc. Water and Wastewater professionals.

After the initial pipe burst, work-

ers at the plant searched the system for additional leaks that could cause a burst and fixed what they found.

Finch said they have done everything they can to prevent similar issues.

"We try to advert any crisis like this on a daily basis," Finch said.

Finch said when the pipe burst Sunday, it caused the water pressure of Maryville's water distribution system to drop. This could result in back siphoning, which is when unclean water could have gotten si-

phoned back into the system.

A boil advisory is different than a boil order, which can only be issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. A boil advisory means there is the potential that bacteria could have gotten into the treatment system.

"It's pretty extreme, but there is that potential. It is what you call a voluntary boil advisory," Finch said. "I'm not boiling mine and neither are my kids."

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CAMPUS TALK

What do you want to tell City Council about the bar age increase?



"I think it is not a good idea to up the bar age. Younger students use the bar as a relief; there is nothing to do in Maryville. It will be more trouble for cops."

Bre Ferguson
Sophomore
Public Relations

"I believe the age to the bars won't help much. It will hurt the revenue of the community. I am not in favor of raising the age because it is a mistake for the economy of Maryville."

Connor Nicholas
Junior
CCR

"The bar age should be 21 because that is the drinking age, and anyone under that should not be in the bar."

Shannon Murphy
Sophomore
Pre-med

"I do not think they should raise the bar age to 21 because it will cut down on the number of safe places for students to go."

Taylor Hill-Zweifel
Junior
Elementary Education

"The City Council should raise the bar age to 21 for people's safety."

William Kibble
Junior
Mass Media



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Molly Hayde crafts with her "little," Skyler Martin from the Big Brothers Big Sisters program on Sunday afternoon. Hayde and Martin meet for a couple of hours every two weeks to hang out.

OUR VIEW:

Peer program losing Big Brothers

Some children have the luxury of growing up with an older sibling to look up to. For those who don't, there is an organization that pairs them with an older "sibling" who spends time with them and teaches them.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nodaway County is a satellite office for the Greater Kansas City chapter of the organization. The organization enrolls children into the program and provides opportunities for them to grow.

The problem that the local chapter is facing is low enrollment. They are having fewer and fewer Big Brothers join the organization to act as mentors to the young boys already enrolled. While this may not seem like a big deal to many, it is to the organization.

Without male mentors, the organization may not be able to provide boys with options that others across the U.S. have access to. These children are there because they need someone to look up to, and when no one is available to fill the role of a Big Brother, they have nobody in their life.

We at The Missourian think the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization is incredibly important and helpful to the community. Volunteering and becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister to a young child not only makes you feel good, it helps you grow as a person.

So many people come back from being a mentor to these children feeling like they have made the community a much

better place. They have made an impact on the wellbeing of the children who will grow up and live here. It comes down to investments. It is important to invest in our community's future by being involved in the younger generation's early years.

This is a great opportunity for men in the community to work with children and teach them. That hard work will pay off in the future when you are living in a prosperous community filled with young men and women who had terrific role models.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nodaway County is a great program for our community. Go and sign up to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister and make the difference in a child's life. You won't regret that decision.

Intervention needed in cybersecurity

CODY UHING
Opinion Editor



the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The creators of the strategy knew that our lives were evolving everyday with changing technology, and future attacks were inevitable if we didn't take precautionary measures.

The problem is, here we are, 10 years later, with no cybersecurity bill in Congress and increasing identity theft, cyberespionage and computer crimes. We see it in the headlines every week—some company was hacked into and everyone's credit card numbers were at risk.

Cyberattacks have most recently hit the Department of Energy, the Federal Reserve, U.S. banks and media organizations. All this shows that our cyber infrastructure is way too vulnerable. While different organizations and companies have made progress in trying to slow the rise in cybercrime, they can't keep pace with the speed of attacks and the complexities of the crime.

Many bills were introduced last year that dealt with cybersecurity, and they all touched on the need for more information sharing between the federal government and the pri-

vate sector. Harsher criminal penalties for those who interfere with important infrastructure was included, along with privacy protection and an added workforce to address cybersecurity demands in the future.

Many of these examples were suggested by the NSSC in 2003 and are still relevant today. We need to focus on the middle ground so we can be safer as a nation.

We have a new Congress that needs to take a good look at our growing infrastructure and make sure it is secure. It is not solely on the government's shoulders though; private businesses can do a lot to help. Businesses must be proactive in combatting cyberthreats. If they view it as an investment rather than an expense, they can do a lot to curb problems.

Companies and the federal government need to work together on this to protect the U.S. from future threats. Russian and Chinese hackers are only getting smarter at how they attack the next business. Eventually, we will have to look to the middle and figure out how we can do this properly; partisan gridlock will not work for this.

Pet overpopulation poses big problems

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keeps that cost down and the number of animals being adopted up.

Helping strays is another way to help control overpopulation.

After a cat has been homeless six months, becoming tame again is unlikely, making spaying or neutering the animal the best thing to do. Why invest in a cat that is not your own? Because the procedure will cause it to be less territorial as well as keep other cats looking to mate out of your area.

According to the ASPCA, spaying or neutering just one feral cat can stop 144 kittens from being born into a life without love or shelter and full of starvation, disease, neglect and fear over a two-year period.

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness is an organization that helps the homeless animals on campus. The cats we share our sidewalks with are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered and then released. The advocates also provide food and shelter in select locations around campus.

Even small towns have more than one veterinary clinic that performs spaying or neutering services for low prices. There are even more options, including multiple online directories like The Humane Society of the United States, providing information on discount services and locations.

Donating time and money to other programs can also help animals that are not your own.

The New Nodaway Humane Society includes spaying or neutering in the adoption price, but donating

time and money to other programs can also help animals that are not your own.

Please look into ways to get your animal spayed or neutered or programs on campus and in Maryville to help prevent the needless death of pets in this country.

Separation of church and state helps nonbelievers

COREY FROM
Features Editor

their inauguration. Adams instead swore in with a law book, swearing his loyalty to the nation's laws and showing he respected the separation of church and state.

As of late, Missouri has tried to make it a requirement for schools to teach intelligent design theories as a counter to science and evolutionary theories. Religious beliefs and scientific theories are not the same. No science teacher forces students to "believe" in evolution. Teachers teach students to understand and regurgitate the information. Requiring a class on a theory, such as intelligent design, where there are no supported facts, is just a waste of taxpayer money. When will that knowledge ever be necessary? Universities certainly don't require you to know it, and that's what high school is designed for; preparing students for post-secondary education.

According to Gallup Polls, only 58 percent of voters would vote for an Islamic candidate and 54 percent for an atheist. To counter that, 91 percent would vote for a Jewish candidate, 94 percent for a Catholic and 80 percent for a Mormon. It's time to wake up and allow diversity in our government. We should not be dominated by a single religion.

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BAR AGE

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The information session is open for anybody with an opinion to share ideas with the hopeful outcome of everyone being more informed.

"We expect the panel to inform us on how everything will be affected," Fair said. "We want their input given to us as well."

The forum will be open to the public and Fair encourages any students who want to be heard, regardless of age, to attend.

The proposed law would increase the bar age in Maryville from 19 to 21. City officials are gathering information for the

community while most bar owners are on board with the idea.

"We were going to decide on something we could take and propose, but we don't want to look bias on the issue," Fair said. "It is hard as a group for our ideas to match, so we are staying out of it."

The initial idea and proposal arose during the fall and is now a highly discussed topic for students and the community. Fair is optimistic about the information session.

"We are looking to get some positive feedback and spread the specific information to everyone interested," Fair said.

A decision on the bar entry age is not expected to be made until July.

"One time, I had all these plans: we'd go to dinner, do this, do that," Hayde said. "She just wanted to watch all three of the Paranormal Activity movies. It was just a Sunday night for me, a few hours."

Hayde believed people could really benefit from being a part of the program, even men who do not think they know how to handle children.

"A lot of guys don't even know what to do with kids," Hayde said. "But the funny part is, a lot of my friends, if they got matched up with a 13-year-old, they'd have too much fun."

She encouraged people not to be afraid of the process to become a Big.

"The application and the getting matched up process is very intimidating," Hayde said. "You have to go through interviews, online and on the phone. Lynette has to come to your house and ask you questions. Some of the questions are kind of personal, but she needs to know. Don't let the process intimidate you from doing it because it's really more fun."

For those unable to volunteer or perhaps are unsure of their abilities with children, there are other ways to help.

The organization's big fundraiser, Bowl for Kids' Sake, is April 19. Harbin said this fundraiser is the most important one of the year. Without it, she said, their existence as an organization is questionable.

"You simply create a team of

Bar Age Schedule

March 18 (Monday) - Public Town Hall Meeting

April 15 (Monday) - Online Town Hall meeting

June 17 (Monday) - Public Safety Presentation

July 8 (Monday) - Update & Discussion

July 22 (Monday) - Council Consideration

Aug. 5-9 (Monday - Friday) - Meeting with Establishment Owners

STATE

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One road improvement project has begun in Maryville, and another will begin in a month.

The city is repairing South Depot Street from First Street to Halsey Street. The project will cost a little more than \$1 million and is expected to be completed in May.

The city will also spend another \$2.2 million to reconstruct Munn Avenue. This project begins in March and is expected to

be finished by October.

"We have a lot of infrastructure projects that keep us busy locally, and we hope that they can find a solution to the transportation funding gap at the state level," McDanel said. "We do our part to lobby, but we trust that the state has our best interests in mind."

Maryville often applies for grants each year through the Missouri Department of Transportation, and any changes in state funding could negatively or positively impact Maryville's funding stream.

SNOW

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estimated that it spent \$6,500 in material, fuel, and labor for this particular snowstorm. Last year, hardly any city funds were used on snow removal due to a mild winter with little snowfall.

After the snowstorm subsided, the public works crew began clearing the residential areas and parking lots. That includes removing snow piles around parking lots that the city used as temporary dump spots.

"We cleared around 180 loads of snow from the parking lots, so

it was quite the little storm, but we were glad it wasn't as big as many were predicting," Cacek said.

In order to prepare for storms of this magnitude, the city studies different forecasts and makes sure every plow is fueled up and in working order.

"You kind of have to make your own forecast because the weatherman doesn't get in trouble when he is wrong," Cacek said.

If the storms Feb. 21 and 26 are any indication, snow removal crews in Maryville may continue to be busy the rest of the winter.

ART

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"You have to put yourself on a schedule almost like it's a job, but an enjoyable job," said Pluskota, a studio art major.

The anticipation building up to the decision was emotionally nerve-racking.

"Being an artist and sitting in the studio staring at your art, you don't know if it's good anymore," Pluskota said. "You think it's good, but then it sits there, and you start to question it. And all sorts of emotions start to creep up."

The students were honored and relieved when they learned their art would be featured at the event.

"I was ecstatic, but I was in shock," Simmons said. "My art was going to be shown in this

"I was ecstatic, but I was in shock..."

Eric Simmons

well-known, prestigious national museum among so many famous artists. That was almost overwhelming for me."

The Party Arty event showed large array of artists, from performance artists walking around in costume to live statues painted with the eternal theme colors. Young Friends of Art held the event to raise money for the museum.

Nelson-Atkins contains more than 33,500 objects from ancient times to modern day.

"It's just really nice to work on something and to be able to have a chance for people to see it," Pluskota said.

BIG BROTHERS

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'Big' and 'Little' with sororities, but this is a different type of bond.

"I wanted to do something with my time, but I wanted it to be worth my time," Hayde said.

Her solution was Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nodaway County. After a long process of getting matched with her Little, Hayde had only good things to say about the program.

Hayde described her Little, 13-year-old Skyler, as a girl with a "really good head on her shoulders."

She called her smart and said she often forgets she is talking to a 13-year-old. For Valentine's Day, Hayde forced Skyler to make a present for her mother, but both girls loved it in the end.

Hayde said spending time with a Little is easier than it seems.

"We go to a lot of movies. We do a movie and dinner a lot," Hayde said. "In the summertime, it's so great. They do so many good things around the community. I have a match card . . . and we can go to the community center, and we can get into the pool for free, so we went every Sunday for like three hours. The organization gives us a lot of opportunities."

The experience is not only fun, it also looks good on a résumé and can count for service hours, Harbin said. Mentors spend one to two hours with their little each week.

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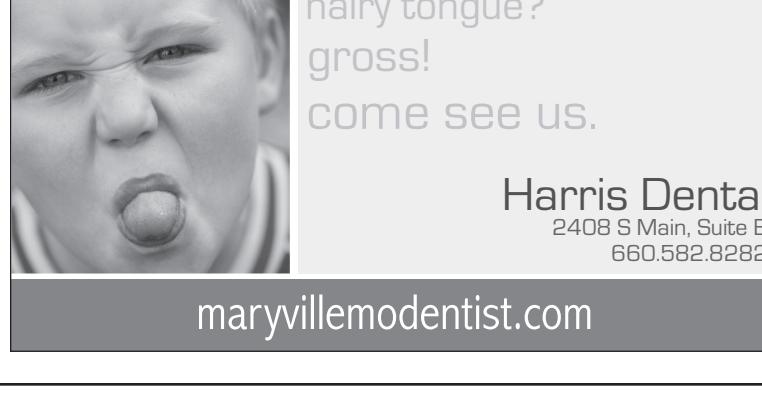
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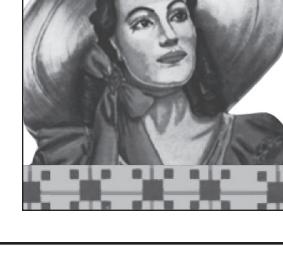
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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Feb. 10

An accident occurred between Jeffery Walker, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at the 300 block of West Eighth Street.

Feb. 14

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1000 block of North Fillmore Street.

Feb. 15

There is an ongoing investigation of trespassing at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Feb. 16

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1300 block of North Main Street.

Feb. 17

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 600 block of West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 600 block of West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of

assault at the 1200 block of West 19th Street.

An accident occurred between Hannah D. Luke, 21, Barnard, Mo., and Rebecca L. Eggemeyer, 20, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of North Walnut and West Ninth streets. Luke was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Feb. 18

There is an ongoing investigation of receiving stolen property at the 200 block of North Main Street.

Mo., subject.

appear and hindering prosecution.

David R. Sturgis, 29, Bedford, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear and a peace disturbance.

Feb. 19

Jerrod B. King, 34, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear, burglary, domestic assault and false imprisonment.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported fraudulent use of his debit card.

A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported an assault.

Feb. 19

Gary D. Constant, 74, Hopkins, Mo., was involved in an accident at the 1200 block of West 16th Street.

Feb. 20

An accident occurred between Timothy J. Schieber, 19, Hamilton, Mo., and Julie D. Day, 27, Skidmore, Mo., at the intersection of College Avenue and College Park Drive.

Feb. 21

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and a vehicle owned

by Al's Heating and Cooling at the 300 block of West Fifth Street.

Feb. 23

An accident occurred between Rebecca R. Raya, 26, Savannah, Mo., and Marcia M. McGuire, 51, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of West First and North Walnut streets.

An accident occurred between Donna L. Masters, 52, Parnell, Mo., and a vehicle owned by Dawn L. Nims, Maryville, Mo., at the 1100 block of East Fifth Street.

for driving while intoxicated.

Feb. 19

Jeremiah F. Haug, 19, Mew Market, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for delivery or possession of a controlled substance at a county or private jail except with a written prescription.

Elmer L. Harwell, 38, Blockton, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear and domestic assault.

Feb. 20

Guymon F. Carter, 37, Cameron, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear and theft.

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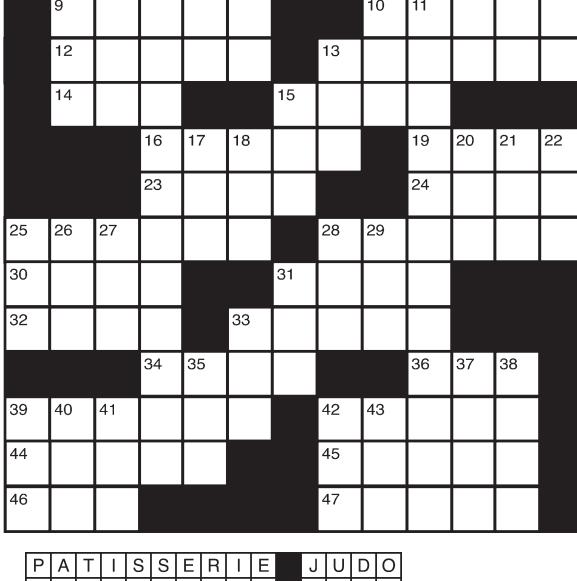
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Answers for the Feb. 21 issue.

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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (02/28/13).

Overall, this year is about fun, love and creativity. Domestic life bustles until summer, when romance carries you away. You'll both teach and study this year. Travel to an ancestral home. Keeping financial and time management practices in well-oiled harmony provides ease and peace.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- You're more responsible for getting your economy growing than you think. Close friends help you surpass obstacles. There's profitable work coming in. Accept their

encouragement.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Find the perfect balance between work and play, or combine them. It's possible. But don't overlook possible breakdowns. Take care not to provoke jealousies. New opportunities open up.

Gemini (May 21-June 20



Fans fixate on front-row festival fulfillment

COREY FROM

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The music festival season is getting closer every day. And college students everywhere are drooling over certain lineups that have been announced quite frequently within the last week or week and a half. But it goes without mention that most students cannot afford to drive halfway across the country and pay \$300 plus.

What festival gives you the most bang for your buck? Well, the first requirement is the attraction. If the lineup is garbage, it is probably not worth spending a lot of money to go. Lineups are subjective, and valuing the festival based on that is hard.

As for the lineups this year, Coachella is offering performances by Phoenix, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Blur, Band of Horses, Wu-Tang Clan, etc. Wu-Tang will also be at Bonnaroo, along with Tom Petty, Paul McCartney and Mumford & Sons. Sasquatch also has Mumford & Sons, Sigur Ros, Elvis Costello and The Postal Service. Kendrick Lamar appears to be at every festival this year, including Kanrocksas. Lollapalooza has yet to announce its lineup, but many rumors have be-

gun to circulate.

For avid music listeners and consumers, the value of the experience is worth the money. But coming up with the money all in one payment is rough for students. Lollapalooza & Sasquatch have offered single day passes in the past, and Bonnaroo has payment plans, which are ideal for students. Coachella sells out the day tickets go on sale, so one has to be ready to pay the big bucks for Coachella.

Vicinity is also important for students. Some of the bigger named festivals are close to Northwest. Lollapalooza is in Chicago and Bonnaroo is in mid-east Tennessee, which, compared to Coachella in southern California, Sasquatch in Washington, SXSW in Austin, Texas, or even Governor's Ball in New York, is close.

There are even some smaller festivals near Northwest that bring in a few large names and then overpopulate the lineup with smaller bands. Rocklahoma is obviously in Oklahoma; 80/35 Music Festival is in Des Moines, Iowa; Pitchfork Music Festival is also in Chicago; Wakarusa is down in the Ozarks, and even Kansas City has its own festival, Kanrocksas. Downtown Kansas City also hosts

a club festival in April that has some fairly large names as well as many local bands.

Another thing to consider is lodging, or lack thereof. Lollapalooza is in the middle of the city. Camping does not happen, so the purchase of a hotel room or knowing someone nearby is required. Hotels downtown already range from \$50-\$320 a night, and that is just standard. Rates are raised during an event, such as a festival.

Something else to consider is how many days of music you get. Kanrocksas, the closest festival to Northwest, is only a two-night event, but it is relatively cheap compared to Coachella. Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza both range right around \$300 for a ticket, but Bonnaroo has an extra night, going from Thursday to Sunday night. Some people pay over \$100 for one band.

One student, junior Drew Scott, went to Kanrocksas in 2011 and has already purchased his ticket for the festival's return this summer.

"I bought tickets to Kanrocksas without knowing the lineup, assuming that it will be awesome like it was the first time," Scott said. "I dropped \$120 for a two-day event without

knowing any bands because I know there will be a few bands I want to see, and I will have a great time."

It was clearly easy for him to spend money on a mystery lineup that was so close, but he says there would be some requirements if he was going to spend more.

"Now, if I was going to spend more money than that, I would want to know what bands were going to be there, and then I would have to decide if I thought spending that much money was worth it," Scott said. "But experience is priceless."

Sophomore Taylor Mizera had some additional comments after her experience at Bonnaroo last summer. She says, for music connoisseurs, festivals are a bucket list requirement.

"It was definitely a huge cultural experience," Mizera said. "If you love music...it's definitely something you should do in your lifetime."

And the cost? "It's expensive, but rightfully so. But they [Bonnaroo] have a payment plan if you can't pay it all at once," Mizera said.

She sums it up in two words.
"Worth it."



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Justin Timberlake is back after a long absense with his new album "The 20/20 Experience," and releases a second single.

Timberlake releases a dance/love song

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Justin Timberlake releases a second song from his upcoming album, "The 20/20 Experience," in epic fashion.

His prior single, "Suit & Tie," was a dressed-up, over-the-top single, but "Mirrors" is an eight-minute-long, dance-love song that has a mix of musical elements that require the listener to check it out a few times before they catch everything that goes on.

The first half of the song combines a basic drum beat, a simple synth line and some hand claps synchronized to the drums. Timberlake's melody again proves he is one of the more talented vocalists of our day. The combination flows

and makes for a great start to the song.

Lyrical, it is nothing special, full of cheesy and possibly cliché love song lines. It would be a pretty song to sing to one's significant other, causing them to melt in the hands of the vocalist.

"Cause I don't wanna lose you now/I'm lookin' right at the other half of me/The vacancy that sat in my heart/Is a space that now you hold," Timberlake sings.

Eventually, the listener is presented with a breakdown. It readies the listener for the drop out of the drums all together.

Eventually, all the instruments drop, and Timberlake woos the listener. A basic beat comes back and finishes the song with a repetitive

wah-sound vocal effect, repeating over and over again "You are, you are the love of my life." The vocal part gets annoying, but all the different sounds and samples that are present in the song all the way to the end make for a fun finish.

The track, as previously mentioned, leaves the listener wondering what else Timberlake has to offer. "The 20/20 Experience" is expected to drop March 19.



Artist: Justin Timberlake
Song: Mirrors
Release date: Mar. 19, 2013

WHAT'S



World's Largest Snowball

A group of students have broken the Guiness Book World Record for the largest snowball ever made.

Jennifer Lawrence

Even though she fell on her face, social media networks were blowing up with love for her and her witty attitude after her Academy Award win.

Northwest Confessions

Students from all corners of campus are sharing their risky secrets on this Face-book/Tumblr page.

WHAT'S



Snow

Is it spring yet? Getting all this snow and no snow days is getting old. Only a few more months until we're complaining about the heat.

The Onion

Did they actually go too far this time calling a nine-year-old the "c" word? About 500,000 twitter followers sure thought so. Even though comments by Facebook users were worse.

Midterms

It's that time again. It's time to pull an all-nighter, cram as much information into your brain as you can, and drink one-too-many redbulls. Good luck everyone.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

- Baauer – "Harlem Shake"
- Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – "Thrift Shop"
- Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko – "Unapologetic"
- will.i.am & Britney Spears – "Scream & Shout"
- Taylor Swift – "I Knew You Were Trouble."

Billboard Top 200

- Mumford & Sons - "Babel"
- Various Artists – "2013 Grammy Nominees"
- Bruno Mars – Unorthodox Jukebox
- Taylor Swift - "Red"
- Josh Groban – "All That Echoes"

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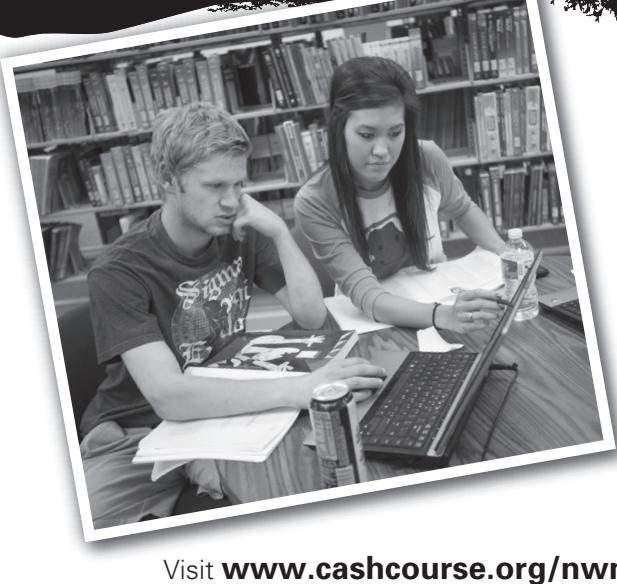
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(Comedy)
Director: Scott Stewart
Starring: Keri Russell, Jake Brennan

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Phoenix gives listeners some entertainment

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Critically acclaimed indie band Phoenix, releases its first track in four years.

But the band returns in similar fashion. No one should expect any surprise punches from Phoenix. As a band that has mastered its craft of catchy, indie-pop, it does not need to reinvent the wheel, and it certainly doesn't here. The only real surprise is how sharp and clean the sound is. This is a band that has some money to throw around now, and you can hear it.

After two years of touring on its 2009 release, "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix," the band established quite a name for itself to a mainstream audience with tracks like "Lisztomania" and "1901." The latter being played on multiple television shows such as "The Vampire Diaries" and "Gossip Girl," and showing up on PlayStation and Cadillac commercials.

"Entertainment" starts off with an eccentric keyboard/guitar intro and slows down into typical Phoenix fashion. The melody sounds like something coming off of the band's last album, mainly songs like "Rome," or "Girlfriend," which is a

stripped-down, simple beat and vocals only verse. Lead singer Thomas Mars sings "Loud volume turn to low low low low low," which is exactly the opposite of what you want to do as the chorus starts.

The chorus is also another sign of some honing of the band members' skills as musicians. The layers show off the production skill, but also tell of a band that still has yet to make some of its best music. Mars also takes his voice to a new territory for Phoenix, as some of the notes he hits in the chorus are higher than what he has attempted in previous efforts.

As the first single off Phoenix's new album, "Bankrupt!" we get a taste for what to expect, with some new production and a few dollars to push around. Fans will be anxiously waiting for the April 22 release.



Artist: Phoenix
Song: Entertainment
Release date: Apr. 22, 2013

NORTHWEST TAKES PART IN "HARLEM SHAKE" CRAZE



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

The Bearcat Steppers and Northwest students create their own version of the "Harlem Shake" during Wednesday's men's basketball game against Missouri Western.

Indoor track to send lone hurdler to compete in national championships in Alabama

DALTON VITT

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The Northwest indoor track team will send a familiar face as its lone representative for the 2013 National Championships.

Senior hurdler Tyler Shaw will make the trip to Birmingham, Ala., March 8 and 9 to compete in the 60-meter hurdles.

"He's coming in (to nationals) at the lowest ranked he's ever been, but he's actually running faster than he has in past years," head coach Scott Lorek said.

Shaw ran his season-best time of 8.01 at the Nebraska Tune-Up Feb. 15. His career-best finish came

in 2011 at the National Championships when he ran a 7.97, breaking his own school record.

In 2009, Shaw's freshman year, he finished as the national runner-up.

"It's hard to say (he'll finish first) when he comes in ranked 14th, but I think he's ready to run faster than he ever has," Lorek said.

The Bearcats had three athletes barely miss qualifying for nationals, all falling short by just one spot, which "made for a frustrating couple of days," according to Lorek.

Senior hurdler Travis Manning finished just .02 seconds short of qualifying in the 60-meter hurdles.

Junior sprinter Ashton Nibert

and sophomore Chloe Wichmann also ended just one spot shy, with Wichmann finishing short of qualifying for the pentathlon.

"Everybody has someone left off one time or another, but to have three in the same year is really something," Lorek said.

Last weekend, Lorek and the Bearcats snagged three All-MIAA selections at the conference meet in Warrensburg.

Sophomore Eli Smith grabbed a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash, slotting in with a time of 49.58.

Manning raced to a time of 8.05, a personal best, in the 60-meter hurdles, earning a second-place

spot.

For the women, the 4x400 relay team of Nibert, Alexis Boyd, Samantha Fender and Wichmann fell in at second place with a 3:54.86 finish.

Lorek said his teams did not stack up to his pre-race expectations.

"We were definitely shooting for better," Lorek said. "I think overall it was somewhat of a frustrating weekend for the team."

"We did a lot of good things, but then we've got some things we definitely have to improve upon before the outdoor season ... There's just some things we need to do better as we go forward."

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The Bearcats tipoff against Truman State at 7:30 Saturday in Bearcat Arena for the season finale.

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as Kellogg puts it.

It is an exciting brand of basketball, where bodies are frequently diving for loose balls and taking charges, all for the good of the team.

There have been times where I was speaking to a player with several fresh bruises, and even a shiner or two, after a hard-fought game.

This is coming off the heels of that miserable 2012 season, where there were few hard-fought games. That team was often hard to watch. But this team has a tendency to keep you on the edge of your seat seemingly every game.

Junior guard Monique Stevens, a native of Australia, headlines the aggressive play with her unwavering, supercharged Hemi motor. The 5-foot-3-inch point guard takes pride in doing the small things on the court and being that "annoying little ankle biter" (as a former coach described her) on defense.

It has trickled down the Bearcat roster, which features three sophomores and a freshman who start and provide a bulk of the scoring.

Sophomore forward Annie Mathews is a double-double machine, recording seven this year while playing with a Kevin Garnett-like attitude of get out of my way or get run over.

Mathews and sophomore forward Maggie Marin work well together down low, each one adept at post-to-post passing. Marin leads the team with 11 points per game, quietly getting the job done night in and night out.

Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson averages 10.8 points a contest and leads the team in style. Nelson has swagger for days, and once she catches fire from behind the arc, it might as well be game over.

Freshman guard Tember Schechinger is an all-around baller. She shoots like a guard, battles in the paint like a power forward and rebounds like a center. And she is just a freshman. The ceiling is extremely high for Schechinger and the entire Bearcats women basketball team, which surpassed last year's win total just nine games into the season.

A balanced scoring attack coupled with the team's defensive prowess is a contributing factor to the substantial increase in success. Marin, Mathews and Nelson each average double figures in scoring, with three additional Bearcats averaging at least 7.5 points per contest.

Even though Northwest has seen its hard times, including a recent five-game skid, it has been a season I can tip my cap to.

I am not predicting a national championship run over the next month for this team. But regardless of how the season ends, I think this has been a great four months for Bearcat basketball.

Even if Kellogg doesn't entirely agree with me.

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"Any team can beat any team in our league. I think they snuck up and beat Northeastern State, and they have beaten some good teams like Western at Western, which is difficult to do. It's going to be a tough game. They are a good basketball team and do a good job at getting boards and pounding you inside."

Go to @NWMSports on Twitter for results of Wednesday's MIAA action.

Northwest will play Nebraska-Kearney Saturday at home for its regular season finale and last chance to move up the MIAA standings.

McCollum expects a different challenge out of the 9-15 Bulldogs.

"They are totally different than Kearney," McCollum said. "They really get after it and pressure. They play mostly man defense and shoot a lot of threes."

The 'Cats will have to matchup with 6-foot 9-inch junior forward Mike Carlson who is averaging 16.7 points per game and 6.5 boards per

game.

"He shoots it like he's a two-guard," McCollum said. "We gotta rotate to him on ball screens and make sure our bigs pressure him."

The Bearcats have had trouble shooting the ball at times this season and have relied on defense to pull out wins down the stretch. With just two games remaining in the regular season, McCollum wants more focus on throwing the ball to the big men down low.

"(We need to work on) just going inside and going inside consistently," McCollum said. "That'll

naturally control the tempo and naturally allow us to rebound a little bit better."

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.	18-6	12-4
Washburn	18-6	11-5
Fort Hays	17-7	11-5
Northeastern State	18-7	11-6
Lindenwood	17-7	10-6
NORTHWEST	17-8	10-6
Central Oklahoma	12-12	10-6
Pitt. St.	15-9	8-8
Emporia St.	12-12	7-9
Mo. Southern	12-12	7-9
Southwest Baptist	9-16	7-10
Truman	9-15	6-10
Mo. Western	9-15	5-11
Nebraska-Kearney	7-17	4-12
Lincoln (Mo.)	3-23	2-14

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Lindenwood at Nebraska-Kearney

Lincoln (Mo.) at Fort Hays

March 2:

Emporia State at Pittsbug State

Truman at NORTHWEST

Southwest Baptist at Mo. Western

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette	20-3	7-0
Cameron	18-7	6-1
MARYVILLE	20-7	5-3
Smithville	17-7	4-3
Bishop LeBlond	10-11	3-4
Benton	5-19	3-7
Chillicothe	7-14	1-5
Savannah	7-17	1-7

Feb. 27:

MARYVILLE vs. St. Pius X

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Washburn	21-3	15-1
Central Mo.	21-3	13-3
Northeastern State	18-7	13-4
Truman	19-5	12-4
Pitt. State	17-7	11-5
Emporia St.	16-8	11-5
Fort Hays	18-6	10-6
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MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Benton	18-5	7-0
Smithville	18-4	6-1
Bishop LeBlond	14-9	4-3
Lafayette	17-7	5-4
Cameron	15-10	3-4
Savannah	7-12	3-5
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MARYVILLE	6-17	0-8

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Senior guard Jonathan Baker dribbles the ball past a Savannah defender on Feb. 15 at home. The Spoofhounds won 58-56.

Boys clinch district title over Cameron

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Over the past five seasons, the Class 3 District 16 championship boys' basketball tournament has proven to be a rivalry between Cameron and Maryville.

With their paths crossing four of the last five seasons in districts, the two teams met once again last Saturday in the championship game.

Holding big leads for most of the game, the 'Hounds got the 63-40 win over the Dragons to keep their season alive.

"I think our rivalry is so good and so intense," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "However, I think that when you get to districts, you kind of throw the regular season out the door."

Entering the tournament as the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, Cameron beat Maryville twice in the regular season.

Maryville lost the first game 47-44 Jan. 24 and 53-42 Feb. 11.

Kuwitzky said his team adjusted its defense heading into the championship game.

"We went back to playing the kind of defense that we've been known for throughout the years," Kuwitzky said. "We played pressure defense and really tried to put the heat on them."

"Our defense won the tournament for us. I thought the pressure we put on LeBlond was the difference, and I thought the defense we put on Cameron was the difference. I don't

think it was anything differently we did on offense."

Senior guard Jonathan Baker led the way with 18 points to highlight four 'Hounds in double-digits.

Senior guard Treyton Burch added 13 points, along with senior forward Tyler Kenkel scoring 11 points and senior forward Trent Nally scoring 10 points.

With the win, Maryville (20-7) moves on to face St. Pius X (20-6) in sectionals.

Results were not available as of press time; however, Kuwitzky said St. Pius is a solid team that holds a lot of similarities to Maryville.

"I think we have to really make it a game in which we have to try to not let them score at will," Kuwitzky said. "We've got to put some pressure on them. I think we have to continue to push the ball in transition out of our defense and attack them."

"I think it all comes down to pressure. I don't think we can sit back in zone and let them shoot. We have to make it hard to run their stuff. It's not going to be a run and gun type game. I still think we have to really control the tempo and really put heat on them, so they can't set up their offense as easy."

Maryville's win over Cameron was its first district title since 2009-10.

The winner of Maryville/St. Pius X will face the winner of Butler/Lafayette County at 1 p.m. March 2.

Hageman stays optimistic for team's future amid inexperience

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Missourian Reporter

After a last-place MEC finish, The Maryville girls' basketball team will rely on a young group of players to be successful next season.

The Spoofhounds finished the season with a 6-19 overall record and a 0-7 record in the conference.

Head coach Grant Hageman knows there is a lot of work to do, but remains optimistic for the future.

"Coming into this season, we had no idea what to expect," Hageman said. "With such a young team, it's kind of hard to know how good you are gonna be. At times, we played excellent. Our

main problem was closing out games. We need to learn how to finish. It's hard to win when you can't close out a game."

Hageman also looks at Maryville's shooting percentage as a major problem.

"Shooting percentage this season was probably the lowest I have seen since I've been here," Hageman said. "This summer, the girls have to make the commitment to the gym and get in there and shoot. You can always play good defense, but if you can't shoot, it's hard to win games."

Hageman said that the three seniors, Blair Twaddle, Chelsey McMichael and Baylee Scarborough, are going to be tough to replace.

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Grant Hageman

"They were great leaders," Hageman said. "Even in the midst of a season where things didn't

really go our way, their attitudes never changed. They never said bad things about the team or the coaches. I think it was a good lesson in leadership for the younger girls. I hope there is a group of girls next year that steps up and does the same thing for the team."

The Spoofhounds suffered a 10-game losing streak in the middle of the season. The streak started with a 55-48 loss to Chillicothe on Jan. 15. The Spoofhounds didn't win again until Feb. 12 when they beat Nebraska City, 48-36. For any team, a losing streak like that is tough to handle.

"This group of girls never quit on me," Hageman said. "Even after

the long losing streak, they played just as hard as they did at the beginning of the season. I couldn't be prouder of the effort the girls gave me this season. I hope that carries over to the offseason. We got a lot of work to do."

Maryville will have to overcome youth and inexperience next season in order to be successful. Hageman knows how hard it is for a young team to become a good team.

"I'm excited about the young girls we have," Hageman said. "We have a lot of talent to work with at the lower level. We are gonna take it slow this summer and take one step at a time. We're gonna be pretty young next season, but we still have high expectations."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS



Alex Sullivan



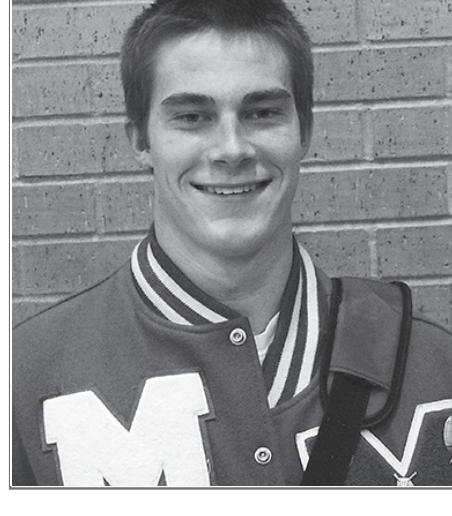
Senior guard Alex Sullivan tied a school record with eight three-pointers and a game-high 25 points in the 59-52 win over Missouri Western Feb. 20.

Annie Mathews



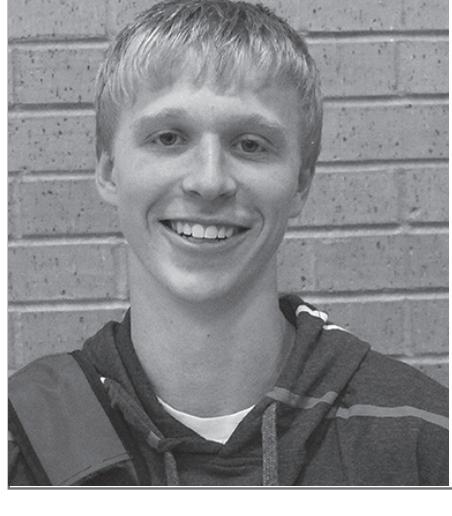
Sophomore forward Annie Mathews finished with a career-high 21 points and 12 rebounds against Missouri Western Feb. 20. Mathews went 11-for-12 from the free-throw line.

Jonathan Baker



Senior guard Jonathan Baker scored a game-high 18 points in the 63-40 win over Cameron in the district championship Feb. 23. Baker was one of four 'Hounds in double-digits.

Tyler Kenkel



Senior guard Tyler Kenkel finished with 11 points to help the Spoofhounds reach the postseason in the 63-40 win over Cameron in the district championship.

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Senior second baseman Kristine Labertew follows a pitch to the plate on April 9, 2012, against Central Missouri.

Softball falls to 8-4, Schurman done for rest of season following shoulder injury

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Following a hot 7-0 start to begin the 2013 season, the Northwest softball team hit a rough patch last weekend and will be without one of its stars for the rest of the year.

Senior first baseman Kayli Schurman, who led the team last season with 15 home runs and a slugging percentage of .664, missed all 12 games thus far and is out the rest of the year with a shoulder injury.

Head coach Ryan Anderson said Schurman will undergo surgery on the shoulder 'soon' and losing her puts a hole in the lineup that cannot be filled.

"It's a huge hole," Anderson said. "It's somebody that we certainly expected to play and contribute. It's tough to fill the void of 15 home runs."

"I don't think we have anybody that can (do what she did.) We have to be more concerned about singles and doubles and getting on base and staying aggressive at the plate."

Senior second baseman Hailee Hendricks, another big contributor

to the Bearcat offense, also suffered an injury and played just one game over the weekend.

The Bearcats skidded to a 1-4 record over the course of the two-day NSIC/MIAA Crossover.

The lone bright spot was a 1-0 victory over Sioux Falls Sunday behind another shutout from senior pitcher Jenna Creger.

Creger is now 4-1 on the year with a 0.62 ERA and 40 strikeouts.

"We weren't aggressive at the plate, and we started taking pitches," Anderson said. "That was the complete opposite team of the previous two weekends for us. That had been the goal the whole year: if they're going to throw strikes, we're going to swing the bat. We really shut down this weekend."

"We have to manufacture runs. We can't expect the pitcher to throw a shutout game and win 1-0 every time."

Northwest was scheduled to hit the road again Friday and Saturday for the Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament in Joplin, but inclement weather forced the tournament to be canceled.

Women clinch tourney berth

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Northwest women's basketball had a week off to ready itself for its final two games of the regular season as it prepares for the MIAA Tournament.

The Bearcats used that week to build on a 69-58 victory over rival Missouri Western, clinching a bid in the conference tournament in the process.

Sophomore forward Annie Mathews recorded her seventh double-double of the season, scoring a career-high 21 points while pulling down 12 rebounds.

"We had some rest over the weekend," head coach Mark Kellogg said. "Essentially, they would have gotten about 48 hours off... which is pretty rare for this time of year."

"We just have to stay motivated and hungry."

Northwest hit the road and took on Nebraska-Kearney Wednesday. The 'Cats knocked off the Lopers 67-56 in their first matchup of the season behind sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson's 17 points.

The Lopers have struggled this season to a 6-17 record, but the Bearcats could not overlook a team still hanging on for a possible birth in the postseason, Kellogg said.

"They'll be hungry for this one; they'll be a little desperate," Kellogg said. "We need to play like that as well and not rest on anything, like us beating them at home. That was a long time ago. When you watch it on film, both teams look entirely different than they did in December."

Northwest is still in the hunt for a home game in the first round of the tournament, but does not control its own destiny. The 'Cats must win out while Missouri Southern loses at least one more and Missouri Western drops its next two.

"We just have to control what we can control and take care of the ball," Kellogg said. "We can't afford to think about anything else going on."

Northwest plays its final game at home against Truman State. The Bulldogs can light it up from behind the arc, leading the conference in



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman guard Tember Schechinger cuts around a Missouri Western defender and drives the baseline Wednesday.

three-point shooting at 42 percent per contest.

Truman State is led by sophomore Allie Norton, who is shooting 46 percent from three-point range,

tops in the MIAA, while averaging 10.6 points per game.

Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson is fourth in that respect, converting 41 percent of her shots from behind the arc.

The game will be pivotal in many ways, but the Bearcats will

look for an extra push heading into the conference tournament.

"I'm kind of excited to see how we finish this season," Kellogg said.

"We'll see what happens when we get to the conference tournament, once we get on a neutral floor where anything can happen. At this point, we're just looking for some momentum any way we can get it."

Northwest will take on Truman State at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

Baseball breaks losing streak on road

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Even though the team only came away with one win from last weekend, Northwest head baseball coach Darin Loe believes there are a lot of positives to build on.

"Our confidence is building," Loe said. "They hit some balls hard, and we threw strikes. We didn't walk anybody in those tight situations, and they were hitting the ball hard at us, but our guys were able to make those plays. It's something to build on as the season continues."

In a three-game series facing conference opponent Lindenwood, it was Lindenwood that held the early advantage after getting the first win Sunday by the score of 11-5.

Entering a doubleheader Monday, junior Ryker Fox got the start on the mound, looking for his first win of the season.

Northwest opened the game up in the third inning with a double by senior infielder Cameron Bedard that drove in two Bearcats.

Another run scored by junior

outfielder Ryan Abernathy gave the 'Cats the 3-1 lead heading into the fourth inning.

Northwest saw its lead disappear in the top of the sixth after Lindenwood put together a three-run inning that came from two hits.

Lindenwood closed the game with another three-run seventh inning to grab the 7-4 win.

In game No. 2 of Monday's doubleheader, the Bearcats' offense exploded in the first inning.

Northwest scored four runs that came from hits by junior third baseman Eric McGlaughlin, junior infielder Charlie Krueger and Bedard.

Leading 5-3 entering the top of the ninth inning, senior pitcher Nathaniel Horton and the 'Cats' defense were able to seal the deal, getting the close 5-4 win.

"We minimized our mistakes defensively, and bottom line, we got great pitching in both of those games," Loe said. "We just fell a little short in the first one, but it held up in the second one."

"In some of our earlier games, at times, we would have that error

or that walk, and it would hurt us. We just threw strikes in the strike zone, and our defense made the plays behind us. We are starting to play with a little more confidence, so that's what it's all about right now."

Next up for Northwest (2-9, 2-6 MIAA) is a three-game series against Central Oklahoma (2-3, 2-3 MIAA).

The series was supposed to take place at Bearcat Field.

However, Loe said as of Tuesday, the games would be moved to Edmond, Okla. because of the recent snow storm.

"It always takes a little while for guys to settle in," Loe said. "Obviously, we got roughed up a little bit the first couple weekends, and they kinda had to figure out the process again. We are understanding how to throw a better pitch, throw down and work down in the zone and throw pitches for strikes."

"We are learning what's successful and what's not, and the goal in the future is to do more things that are in the right direction."

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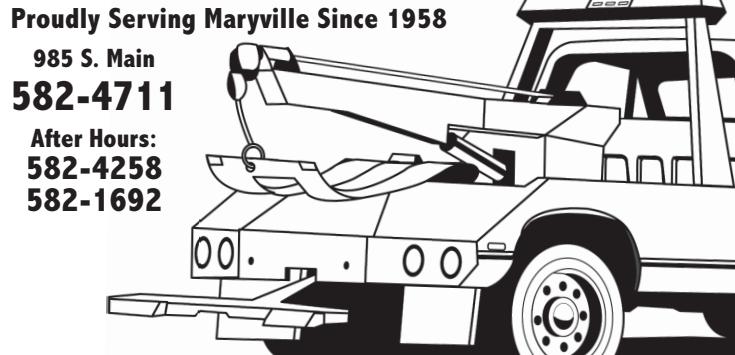
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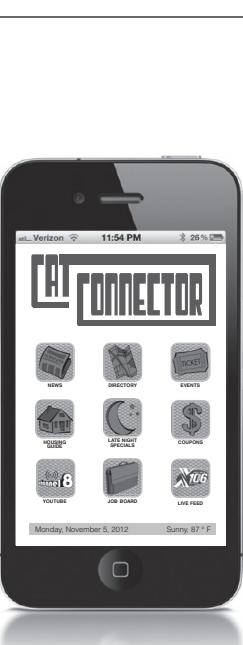
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- DeShaun Cooper

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Junior forward/guard Tyler Funk fights for a loose ball against Northeastern State Jan. 31. Funk is averaging 3.1 points per game but has left his mark through hustle plays for the 18-8 Bearcats.

Hard-nosed hustle player hits stride as hybrid guard

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Extensive stats have changed the sports landscape. Players are defined by their statistics, and just about everything is tracked to rank a player's production.

The staticians do not keep track of the amount of times you save a loose ball, make a momentum changing play or lose teeth. If they did, junior guard/forward Tyler Funk would have his No. 20 retired when he graduates.

Funk is averaging 3.1 points per game for a 17-8 Bearcat team that has played in six games that have come down to the final possession, winning four of them.

"I think it's just a mentality of finding a way to win, whether it's a big shot or setting a screen or getting an offensive rebound," Funk said.

said. "I'd like for when we're up five or seven that we would push it to 15 and not have to worry about it as much as we've had to."

It is hard to judge the value of a player from one game, but watching the 'Cats play all season, it is hard to deny Funk's value as a scrapper.

Funk does all the other things that no other players want to do and takes pride in it," junior guard DeShaun Cooper said. "That's why he is a great basketball player at his position. He just does the simple things no one wants to do and takes ownership to it.

"He will do anything it takes to win, and that's what winners do. If he has to go dive on a loose ball and lose a tooth, he will do it. It's just Funk."

Standing just 6 feet 3 inches, Funk has a distinct disadvantage height-wise in the post, but uses

his mixed arsenal of mental and physical skills to overcome what is sometimes up to a 6-inch differential.

"He moves his feet; he's tough. He is a tough matchup for the other team, and most teams actually go quite small," head coach Ben McCollum said. "There may be a 6 foot 6 inches post on the other team, but he doesn't post up...so we switch one through four, and he is able to guard any position on the floor."

Funk's physical play started years before he put on a Northwest jersey. Funk was a two-time All-State selection as defensive back at Kearney High School where he won a state title his senior year.

"I was looking around the MIAA for football, and I took visits to Mo. West and Pitt. State, but I took my basketball visit after those," Funk said. "I really liked the

coaching staff, and both my parents went to Northwest, so I was always familiar with it. I decided I wanted to play for Ben (McCollum). I really liked the energy and that he was young and enthusiastic like me."

Funk also won a state championship his senior year in basketball along with Kearney alumni junior forward Dillon Starzl and sophomore forward Grant Cozad, cementing himself as winner.

"He won," McCollum said. "He won in football, and he won in basketball. Anytime you are on a winning team and you are a major part of that winning tradition, it means you have a lot of winning qualities associated with you."

"Especially when he comes off the bench, he brings a lot of toughness...a lot of will to win. He's willing to do whatever it takes to win, and that is a good basketball player

in my mind."

Funk hopes his never-back-down attitude is contagious throughout the team, and so far it has shown in the standings.

"I don't care how big the guy is," Funk said. "I go against a lot of guys bigger than me. I'm not gonna back down to people, and I want my team to have that same mentality. The other team may be bigger than us or faster than us, but we know we are going to fight you to the very end if that's what it comes down to."

According to Cooper, seeing a player dive on the floor or match up against the bigger opposition is not shocking to see, but is definitely appreciated and special.

"I wouldn't say I was surprised...it's just that you don't come across kids like that these days," Cooper said. "When I seen it, I just thought I'm glad he's on my team."

Men getting healthy as regular season closes

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After dropping three games in a row, Northwest won back-to-back home games last week, setting itself up for a potential first-round bye in the MIAA tournament.

Senior guard Alex Sullivan made his mark on the Northwest history book, hitting eight threes, tying assistant coach Austin Meyer for the record in the 59-52 win against Missouri Western Feb. 20.

"We really want to keep building," junior guard/forward Tyler Funk said. "We got a big win against Washburn and another big win against Western. We just want to keep improving on the little things defensively. We want to be able to shut people down because sometimes your shots aren't going to fall. Thank goodness Sullivan had a hot streak against Western and made big shots."

The Bearcats had a week off to make preparations as the regular season winds down and post-season play begins.

"We just worked on improving the stuff that we already do," head coach Ben McCollum said. "Also, getting healthy and our legs back underneath us for the stretch run."

Freshman guard Connor Crooker sat out against the Griffons with an ankle injury and will sit out against Nebraska-Kearney, but McCollum hopes to have him back for Saturday's matchup.

with Truman State.

Junior forward Dillon Starzl is recovering from an MCL sprain and, according to McCollum, "is about 90 percent and getting better every day."

The 'Cats need to win their last two regular-season games to clinch a bye and a trip to Kansas City for the conference tournament.

Northwest would receive a No. 3 or a No. 4 seed by sweeping the rest of the season, but if it drops one game it would host a game at Bearcat Arena to determine who will play in Kansas City.

"It's not really important to win as it is to play well," McCollum said. "I think if we play well, we will get that seed though. That's our objective: to compete hard and play hard. If it works out, and we get that seed, then great. Either way we have to win the conference tournament to get into the national tournament, I think."

Results for the game against Nebraska-Kearney were not available as of press time, but McCollum expects a highly competitive game against the 7-17 Lopers.

"I just think we have to go play hard," McCollum said. "I don't think we can control whether or not it's close. Every game in the MIAA, for the most part, is close. I'm expecting that tomorrow night as well."

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Junior forward Dillon Starzl looks up to shoot the ball against a Missouri Western defender at Saturday's home game. Northwest beat Missouri Western 59-52.

Northwest women earn appreciation

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Regardless of how this season ends for the Northwest women's basketball team, it has been a successful run for Mark Kellogg's squad in his first year at the helm.

Kellogg may disagree, since he holds a high standard on the hardwood. He had innumerable successes and a national championship appearance at Fort Lewis College. And he's proud of his team. But he isn't ready to say this season has been a success, despite the Bearcats doubling their win total from last year. So I'll do it for him.

The 'Cats shrugged off a 6-22 season in 2012 to qualify for postseason play in the MIAA Tournament this year.

And they have done it with a young roster and relentless tenacity.

Northwest faced challenges with depth all season, particularly after the departure of senior point guard Victoria Naylor early in the season. And with Kellogg's philosophy of irritating opposing teams with constant defensive pressure, this season had a recipe for fatigue and futility.

But the in-your-face defense has resulted in just under 11 steals a game, good for second in the conference. And the 16 assists per contest, which tops the MIAA, derives from passing up the good shot to get the great shot,

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